

storage means for storing data for a fixed form reply, stored separately from the electronic message;

output means for outputting the message with said data for a reply to the message, said data for a reply independent of the message and inputted separately from the message;

control means for accepting only a selection out of the outputted data for a reply as the reply to the message; and

communication control means for transmitting the selection to the server apparatus.

9. (AS FOUR TIMES AMENDED) An electronic news system including a client apparatus and a server apparatus which manages electronic messages transmitted from the client apparatus, comprising:

said server apparatus comprising:

storage means for storing data for a fixed form reply, stored separately from the electronic messages;

communication control means for transmitting said data for a reply to the client apparatus;

said client apparatus comprising:

receiving control means for receiving said data for a reply sent from the server apparatus, said data for a reply independent of the electronic messages and inputted separately from the messages;

output means for outputting the message with the received data for a reply to the message;

control means for accepting only the selection out of the outputted data for a reply as the reply to the message; and

transmission control means for controlling the transmission for transmitting the selected reply to the server apparatus.

13. (AS FIVE TIMES AMENDED) An electronic news system including a client apparatus and a server apparatus which manages an electronic message and a reply to said message transmitted from the client apparatus,

said server apparatus comprising:

storage means for storing data for a first fixed form reply, stored separately from the electronic message and independent from the electronic message and inputted separately from the message;

communication control means for transmitting the data for the first fixed form reply to the client apparatus,

said client apparatus comprising:

receiving control means for receiving the first data for the first fixed form reply sent from the server apparatus;

storage means for storing data for second fixed form reply, stored separately from the message;

output means for outputting the message with said data for the first or second fixed form reply;

control means for accepting only a selection out of the outputted data for the first fixed form reply based on the category of the message as the reply to the message; and

means for controlling the transmission for transmitting the selected reply out of the data for the first or second fixed form reply to the server apparatus.

17. (AS FOUR TIMES AMENDED) A recording medium readable by a computer which manages an electronic message and a reply to said message, comprising:

program code means for causing said computer to store data for a fixed form reply in said computer, the fixed form reply being stored separately from the electronic message;

program code means for causing said computer to output the message with said data for a reply to the message, said data for a reply independent of the message and inputted separately from the message; and

program code means for causing said computer to accept only a selection out of the outputted data for a reply as the reply to said message.

21. (AS THREE TIMES AMENDED) A message system comprising:

a reply data storage device storing a plurality of fixed form reply sets, each fixed form reply set containing a plurality of replies;

a controller receiving a message from a host and allowing a user to select a reply from a fixed form reply set stored in the reply data storage device, the fixed form reply set independent of the message and inputted separately from the message;